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How does one get there from the Marquee Lounge of the Shoreham Hotel? Washington's own political satirist, **Mark Russell**, has a big date coming up. On Wednesday he's giving a command performance in the auditorium of the CIA headquarters in Langley.

As usual, Russell isn't at a loss for words about this historic event: "Only in America. I received a letter from **William Casey** asking me to come. So I guess I'd better go. If you don't hear from me by Thursday, please send help. I'm really looking forward to it—how many comedians get to say, 'A funny thing happened to me on the way to the CIA?' However, I plan to take a few precautions, like looking inside the piano for any fruit that is ticking. The CIA people actually told me they would be taping my performance for their own personal use. There they go again."

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